



*Executive Department
State of Idaho*

*The Office of the Governor
Proclamation*

*State Capitol
Boise*

WHEREAS, Rett Syndrome is a devastating neurodevelopmental disorder caused by a sporadic, genetic mutation of the MECP2 gene on the X chromosome that mainly affects females; and

WHEREAS, every two hours a girl is born with Rett Syndrome, but its symptoms usually do not appear until six to 18 months later; and

WHEREAS, loss of the ability to speak, trouble walking, loss of hand control, seizures, scoliosis, and apraxia are some of the hallmarks of Rett Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, dedicated scientists and researchers from around the world are working hard to find a cure for Rett Syndrome, and in 2007 the discovery of a reversal of Rett Syndrome symptoms in mice showed positive results for finding suitable treatments; and

WHEREAS, it is important to continue our efforts in bringing Rett Syndrome awareness to the medical community, therapists, teachers, caregivers and the general public to encourage a world without Rett Syndrome;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim October 2012 to be

Rett Syndrome Awareness Month

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 1st day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred-third.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

**C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER
GOVERNOR**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa".

**BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE**